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For: GAMING APPARATUS AND METHOD OF  
GAMING INCLUDING INTERACTIVE  
GAMING SYMBOLS FOR PRODUCING  
DIFFERENT OUTCOMES

Examiner: J. Harrison

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (modified). It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114 (37 CFR 1.97(b)(4)). Consequently, no fee is required.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), a copy of the U.S. patent application is attached.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(g), the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(h), the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure statement shall not be construed to be an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to therein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

It is submitted that the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855, under Order No. 29757/AG47. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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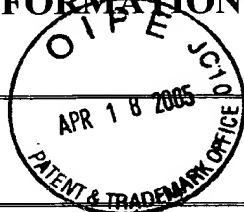
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